



EASTWOOD MEN'S CLUB

GOLF SHOP 281-6173

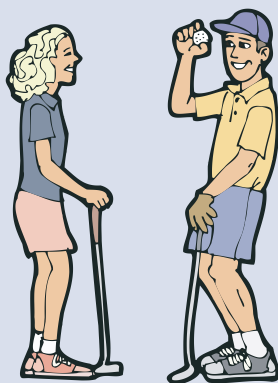
MAY 2007

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Eastwood Couples Events

Watch for Sign-Ups

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May 19th
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June 16th
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July 21st
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August 18th
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September 22nd
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October 20th

MAY EVENT 2 OF 4 COMBINED LOW NET

Our first event, scheduled for Sunday, May 6, 2007, will be the 4 Man team, using 2 of the 4 scores to create the combined low net. This will be a great opening event allowing every men's club member participating to be able to establish an 18-hole round for handicap purposes.

Each player will play his own ball. Make sure you begin scoring at the correct hole. After finishing a hole mark each player's gross (actual) score.

At the scoreboard the golf staff will subtract your handicap holes and add your two net scores together to produce your combined low net score.

The lowest combined 18-hole net score will be the winners.

New members without an established handicap must list their average score when entering the event. Thereafter they must start entering all of their scores. Any questions should be directed to the Handicap Chairman (Paul Pharis) or the Golf Shop.

Everyone must make it to the course with enough time to find your pairings and get to your designated holes. **THIS WILL BE A 8:00 SHOTGUN START**

Remember...you can enter the event either by phone or in person at the golf shop desk. Be sure to give them your *local* number. If you don't have a number, then ask to have one assigned.

We may have to limit the event to 72 players so the pairing committee would appreciate your entry as soon as possible and no later than the Thursday prior to the event. ■

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2007 golf season with the Eastwood Men's Club. We had a terrific turn out for our Icebreaker on April 12 - a great way to kick off the year.

At the Icebreaker we announced the Board's intent to establish a capital improvement fund for supporting projects to make Eastwood a better place to play. Our first project is to build or have built a storm shelter on the new back nine. Larry Mortensen has agreed to lead the capital fund effort. He passed the hat at our Icebreaker and in typical fashion the members came through - we raised \$1,018! A great kick off to this endeavor. I've asked Mort to arrange for a sketch or drawing of the proposed structure as well as a cost estimate. With these in hand folks can see what they are contributing to and we'll be able to track our fund raising progress against the cost estimate. Mort, thank you for pitching in and congratulations on a brisk start.

As we get into the routine of our golfing schedules and start to think of how things might be better, please let me or other members of the Board know if there is something we can do or better yet something you'd like to do to make the Eastwood Men's Club experience better.

Well, I played this past weekend and my over the top move didn't miraculously disappear over the winter. Bummer. Especially since my fade has been replaced by a hook. Fore Left! ■

Brian

Dear Men's Club Members:

Welcome to spring and the 2007 golf season! The Ice-Breaker was a huge success as I noticed many familiar faces and also several new ones. We at Eastwood are looking forward to an exciting season, especially with the opening of the back nine later this summer. The original opening date of July 4th has been pushed back for several reasons: the late start to spring, and several aspects of the golf course which have yet to be completed. The 11th hole was dormant seeded late last fall and needs to be reseeded this spring. Also, as Mr. Minske mentioned at the Ice-Breaker, there are several concerns regarding washout on most of the holes that need to be addressed. There are other various projects that will require some time to complete before we can unveil the golf course that you will all be proud to call your own.

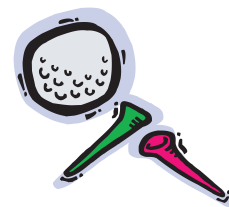
Our new driving range is scheduled for opening the first week of June. The range prices will remain the same as in 2005, with a small warm-up bag for \$2.00 and a large bucket for \$5.00. We will also once again offer our 10-bucket punch cards for \$40 (Save \$10). We would also like to reintroduce the driving range-locker program. Eastwood will offer one of the finest practice facilities around, and we look forward to seeing you all on the practice tee working on your game.

If you have not met my staff yet, please stop in to say "hi" and introduce yourself. My staff includes Ryan Bakken – Assistant Golf Professional, Landon Dybing – Assistant Golf Professional, and Scott Brede – Golf Shop Assistant. We will all do our best to meet your golfing needs to make your experience at Eastwood a pleasant one.

In closing, if you haven't dusted off the clubs yet or have done so sparingly, be sure to loosen up those golfing muscles first with an adequate stretching plan. Remember, those muscles and joints have been in hibernation for months, and I don't believe that any of us are getting any younger. I sure know I'm not. ■

Your Golf Professional,

Jeff Gorman



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ASSISTANTS CORNER

From the desk of Ryan Bakken

It seems as though spring has finally sprung! The blizzards and subzero temperatures are behind us and we have an interesting golf season upon us. I would like to personally welcome all of you that have signed up for the Men's Club again this season. To those new members, I believe you will find the Eastwood Men's Club full of good people who are passionate about this grand game. I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of the new faces and renewing friendships with the past members. For those of you that have not yet renewed your club memberships, hurry out to Eastwood to take care of that so that we can get you entered into the GHIN handicap system as soon as possible.

With the reintroduction of the Eastwood range, we are excited about the return of golf instruction programs. We currently have four programs that are scheduled for the summer months of the golf season. These programs are great way for us to promote the game of golf in an enjoyable and educational format. Our schedule for golf programs is as follows:

6-8 Year Old Juniors – June 11th – June 15th

9-12 Year Old Juniors – June 18th – June 22nd

Advanced Juniors (13+) – Wednesdays June 27th – August 8th (excluding July 4th)

Ladies Beginner Clinic – Sunday Nights July 1st – July 22nd

The 6-8 year old and 9-12 year old junior camps will run from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. These camps will consist of instruction on all facets of the game including but not limited to: putting, chipping, full swing instruction, course etiquette and rules, and fun instructional games. Safety and etiquette will always be stressed. These camps are very enjoyable and educational for both the teachers and the students. The cost for these camps is \$75 per student.

The Advanced Junior Instruction Program is designed for young golfers looking to take the next step in their golf games. This is an age where they may begin to play more competitively and possibly attempt to qualify for local high school teams. The format for this program is for 45-60 minutes of instruction starting at 2:00 pm followed by a 9-hole round of golf with the professionals. The instructional period will be used to work individually with the students on whatever aspect of the game they feel they need help. During the playing round with the professionals, course management and professional etiquette will be discussed. Course management is the determining factor that differentiates between successful and struggling young players. The cost of this program is \$100 per student.

With our Ladies Clinic we are looking to attract beginner women that have aspirations of playing golf both as a recreational activity as well as a social activity. Many women feel out of place on the golf course because they do not understand the proper etiquette and flow of the game. Our clinic is aimed at making these women feel more comfortable on the golf course. These clinics will run from 6-7 pm on Sunday nights. Introduction to the fundamentals of putting, chipping, and the full golf swing will be a vital element to the success of the program. The cost for this program is \$50.

Although these instructional programs do not target the members of our Men's Club, we feel that you are an essential ingredient for these programs to be successful. All of you know women and juniors that are looking to either start playing the game or improve the manner in which they play it. Be sure to keep our programs in mind when discussing golf options with your family and friends. Golf is a game that can be shared and enjoyed for a lifetime by all members of our society. We want to do what we can to ensure that the future remains bright for this game by educating newer players so that they may grow into your lifelong playing partners. And maybe, just maybe, they will grow into the amazing ball strikers that roam the contours of Eastwood at our Men's Club Events! ■

Fairways and Greens,

Ryan Bakken
Assistant Golf Professional

EASTWOOD MEN'S CLUB 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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	Wally Schlink	Through 2008	Rick Lien	Through 2009
	Tom Stettler	Through 2007	Larry Mortensen	Through 2009
	Dave Nelson	Through 2009		

ASSIGNMENT OF EVENTS

April 12	Ice Breaker:	Brian Nelson, Ross Messick
May 6	May Event:	Tom Stettler, Steve Swanson
June 3	Seattle Slew	Wally Schlink, Paul Pharis (Food Event)
July 1	Lonely Loon:	Ross Messick, Mark Smith
Aug. 4-5	Championship:	Brian Nelson, Larry Mortensen, (Rick Lien)
Sept. 2	Pig Out:	Mark Smith, Mark Bofferding
Oct. 7	Combo:	Ray Clark, Dave Nelson



ON COURSE. . . *with Jeff Minske*

Welcome to 2007, hope this finds you all healthy and ready for another golf season. First of all lets start on the new nine since I know that every one wants to hear about what is going on. We have a great deal of erosion that has taken place and needs to be addressed, fairways and some tee boxes need to be overseeded. The Greens are going to be awesome, they are in wonderful shape and I am very excited to start mowing them down to their final height of cut this year. Last season they only got cut down to 250 thousands of an inch, this year we already have them down to 170 thousands and soon they will be down to 130 thousands. As far as when we will open the new side I cannot give you an exact answer yet this is not a business of exacts we can only go as fast or slow as mother nature lets us.

The old course, if you all remember we overseeded the fairways last fall and the grass is doing great, you can see all of the lines where the seed was put in, it will be done again this year in a pattern that is perpendicular to what was done last year. The height of cut on the fairways has been a subject of concern to some people. Last year we cut them at one half of an inch in an attempt to kill off some of the undesirable grasses that were out on our fairways to give the new low mow bluegrasses a chance to take them over while the undesirables were in a weakened state. This year they will be mowed at three quarters of an inch. The process will take longer but your questions have been answered. ■

Good Luck on your upcoming season

Jeff

"WHATEVER CAN GO WRONG, WILL GO WRONG"

Edward Murphy
Creator, Murphy's Law
by
Red Ruffensore



Dear Readers:

If you were at the 2007 Eastwood Men's Club Ice Breaker, you heard variations of the same message: "The new Back Nine is making great progress, but there are still some issues. The likely opening date is probably...???"

You were around in Autumn of 2005, and you celebrated and memorialized the old Front Nine holes as you said good bye. Ruffensore certainly had something equivocally definitive to say about it. We looked at the architects drawing of the land that we would be playing on in another year or so, and said, "This could be really terrific...This is something exciting!" Old friends gathered that September to play in a special memorial event to say, formally, "Good Bye, old Front Nine. Farewell. We'll miss you." We knew it meant sacrifice for all of us. And we said, philosophically, this is the price of progress.

In 2006 we watched, some of us daily from our special chair in the Eastwood Grill, as the shape of the landscape shifted. Our old Front Nine was leveled and graded, and eventually we saw the new road to Eastwood Golf Club rising up from U.S. Highway 14. We saw earth being moved on the south side of Eastwood Road and tried to imagine what the new golf course would look like. We compared what we saw to the architect's drawing in the clubhouse, and we got giddy because it looked like our sacrifice would pay huge dividends in 2007. Golf staff spent all waking hours grooming and manicuring new grass. Men's Club members were sneaking up to the new maintenance building to get a closer look. Golfers strayed from the tees and greens along Eastwood Road to catch a closer glimpse and wondered with trepidation how the new course would play. The elite from the Men's Club spent a morning with staff in late Autumn picking rocks, roots and other debris from the new fairways, getting a close up look at the course we'd be playing next summer. With some luck, it could be June 2007. More likely, July.

Things happen. Murphy put it so concisely. We heard it at our Ice Breaker. Serious problems need serious attention. But serious is not the same as grave, or devastating or even critical. Serious means they prevent the golf course from opening properly. Serious doesn't mean the project is in the hopper. Serious can be fixed. Our Park Board has invested seriously, and it will protect its investment. Seriously.

We may be playing eighteen-hole rounds by September this year. We may not. We should all park our 20-20 hindsight. Of course we knew the city would botch the deal. Of course we knew golf would take the short end of the stick. Today, I don't really care what we all knew with such clarity. Golf courses don't happen overnight. And this one is no exception. We will have our golf course. And we will love it or hate it, as we do with all golf courses. I for one will spend the summer in a heightened state of anticipatory giddiness. Sitting, as I usually do, in my special seat in the Eastwood Grill, sipping a bottomless stein of Ruffensore Red. Or my name isn't Red Ruffensore!



Sincerely,

Red Ruffensore

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SHANKSTERS AND HOOKSTERS



6-2a/3 Handicap Stroke Wrongly Claimed at Hole; Error Discovered Before Hole Completed

Q. In match play, on the tee of a hole A states in error that he is to receive a handicap stroke at that

hole. When A is preparing to putt, his opponent, B, recalls that A does not receive a handicap stroke. B so advises A and claims the hole on the ground that A gave wrong information. What is the ruling?

A. The hole should have been completed without a stroke being given to A, and with no penalty to either side. A did not give wrong information. It is up to each player to know the holes at which handicap strokes are to be given or received — see Note under Rule 6-2.

Rule 6-2 Handicap

a. Match Play

Before starting a match in a handicap competition, the players should determine from one another their respective

handicaps. If a player begins a match having declared a handicap higher than that to which he is entitled and this affects the number of strokes given or received, he is disqualified; otherwise, the player must play off the declared handicap.

b. Stroke Play

In any round of a handicap competition, the competitor must ensure that his handicap is recorded on his score card before it is returned to the Committee. If no handicap is recorded on his score card before it is returned (Rule 6-6b), or if the recorded handicap is higher than that to which he is entitled and this affects the number of strokes received, he is disqualified from the handicap competition; otherwise, the score stands. Note: It is the player's responsibility to know the holes at which handicap strokes are to be given or received.